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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 118

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Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

March 6, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to ~~California Tradesmen Day~~ *the California Small Businesses Highway*.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 118, as amended, Logue. ~~California Tradesmen Day~~. *California Small Businesses Highway*.

This measure would ~~recognize September 20, 2014, as California Tradesmen Day~~ *designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 in Sacramento and Sutter Counties as the California Small Businesses Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.*

Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.

1     *WHEREAS, The month of June is celebrated as California Small*  
2     *Business Month, in recognition of the tremendous contributions*  
3     *small businesses make to the economic strength of our nation and*  
4     *state; and*

5     *WHEREAS, The nation’s 28 million small businesses are the*  
6     *job creation engine of the American economy, responsible for*  
7     *one-half of all private sector jobs, and the source of roughly 70*  
8     *percent of all new jobs in the last decade; and*

1 WHEREAS, California is home to three and one-half million of  
2 these small businesses, accounting for 99 percent of the state's  
3 employers and 52 percent of the state's workforce, and producing  
4 more than one-half of California's gross domestic product; and

5 WHEREAS, California is home to the most innovative and  
6 competitive businesses in the world, placing the state consistently  
7 among the top 10 economies in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are critical to the  
9 economic health of the state because small businesses are  
10 innovative forces in the marketplace and are among the most likely  
11 to take risks to create new technologies and industries; and

12 WHEREAS, A commitment to small businesses and support for  
13 small-scale private-sector job creators are among the most  
14 promising strategies to enhance California's human capital,  
15 expand job opportunities, and increase the state's competitive  
16 advantage in the global marketplace; and

17 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the important role of  
18 small businesses in California's economy by dedicating a portion  
19 of State Highway 99 as the California Small Businesses Highway;  
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
22 CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, That  
23 the portion of State Highway Route 99 between State Highway  
24 Route 5 in Sacramento County and State Highway Route 20 in  
25 Yuba City is hereby designated as the California Small Businesses  
26 Highway; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is  
28 requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent  
29 with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing  
30 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from  
31 nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs;  
32 and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
34 copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to  
35 the author for appropriate distribution.

36 ~~WHEREAS, California Tradesmen Day is recognized each year~~  
37 ~~on the third Friday in September; and~~

38 ~~WHEREAS, California Tradesmen Day is intended to be a day~~  
39 ~~when the nation pauses to thank skilled workers, such as auto~~

1 mechanics, roofers, bricklayers, welders, plumbers, woodworkers,  
2 electricians, carpenters, and others; and

3 ~~WHEREAS, It is a day for people to find ways to show~~  
4 ~~appreciation and gratitude to tradesmen by holding celebrations,~~  
5 ~~recognition events, and activities throughout the country; and~~

6 ~~WHEREAS, By 2030, 79 million tradesmen will retire with~~  
7 ~~only 41 million new workers replacing them; and~~

8 ~~WHEREAS, Most vacated jobs will require training and~~  
9 ~~expertise our young people are lacking. Only 6 percent of high~~  
10 ~~school students consider a career in the trades; and~~

11 ~~WHEREAS, These trends could mean trouble for a rebounding~~  
12 ~~America. Without the appreciation of tradesmen and encouraging~~  
13 ~~young adults to enter the trades, homes will not be built, roofs will~~  
14 ~~not get fixed, and plumbing will not be repaired; and~~

15 ~~WHEREAS, California Tradesmen Day celebrates the~~  
16 ~~hardworking men and women who help ensure that the necessities~~  
17 ~~of daily life remain operational and serve as an important element~~  
18 ~~in making our economy function efficiently; now, therefore, be it~~

19 ~~*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*~~  
20 ~~*thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes*~~  
21 ~~September 20, 2014, as California Tradesmen Day, urges citizens~~  
22 ~~to offer their support to professional tradesmen, and encourages~~  
23 ~~bringing more attention to the skilled-labor gap and the~~  
24 ~~employment opportunities for skilled tradesmen.~~